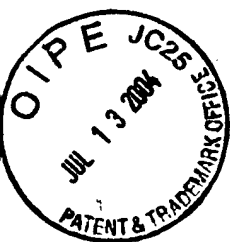


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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SERIAL NO.: 09/821,463 :
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**SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE
OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 13, 2004, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month from June 13, 2004 to July 13, 2004 by a Petition for Extension of Time incorporated herewith, Applicant submits herewith a replacement copy of the amendments to the claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121, which formed part of Applicant's amendment filed on April 23, 2004.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for reply to the notice dated May 13, 2004 for one (1) month from June 13, 2004 to July 13, 2004. A duly completed credit card authorization form is attached to effect payment of the extension fee.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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